

DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET INFORMATION ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS (22)

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Department of Environmental Affairs will support the Mayor's vision to transform the government of the City of Detroit to the Next Detroit by applying the Next Detroit guiding principles which means a commitment to structural balancing by managing costs and improving services to citizens.

The Department of Environmental Affairs will play an integral role in supporting Mayor Kilpatrick's vision and mission to create a clean Detroit by focusing on the responsibilities of the environmental enforcement division, whose primary charge is the enforcement of Chapter 22 of the City Code-the Handling of Solid Waste and Prevention of Illegal Dumping Ordinance.

The Environmental Affairs Department manages and coordinates the environmental affairs of the City of Detroit through the development and implementation of a coordinated and comprehensive environmental policy. This environmental policy shall provide for the protection and enhancement of the quality of life for the citizens of Detroit; provide the skills, resources and enforcement activities needed to maintain the City in compliance with applicable laws and regulations; and provide for the most effective and sustainable use of the natural resources (land, water and air) available to the City.

DESCRIPTION

The Department of Environmental Affairs interacts with federal, state and local agencies and with sister agencies of the City of Detroit to improve and protect the City's water, air, and land resources. The department undertakes this task by way of

its two Divisions: 1) the Administrative Division and 2) the Environmental Enforcement Division. The Administrative Division consists of technical personnel (Environmental Specialists) and program administrators. The Environmental Specialists are assigned to one of two areas of specialization: 1) Environmental Assessment and Response (Brownfields); and 2) Solid Waste. The administrative personnel provide support to both divisions and actively pursue and manage grants for the assessment and clean-up of the environment and for Brownfield Redevelopment. The Environmental Enforcement Division is comprised of Environmental Control Inspectors and is supported by the Solid Waste Environmental Specialist. Its primary charge is the enforcement of Chapter 22 of the City Code – the Handling of Solid Waste and Prevention of Illegal Dumping Ordinance – and with technical support from the Environmental Specialist in the Solid Waste Program to monitor the compliance of solid waste facilities located or doing business in the City of Detroit.

MAJOR INITIATIVES FOR FY 2005-06 and FY 2006-07

The Administrative Division's goals are to: 1) facilitate the reuse and redevelopment of brownfield sites; and 2) protect the City's watershed from harmful pollution. The Department works with the City's Economic Development Organizations along with state and federal regulators to assure that environmental issues are resolved in a timely, efficient manner and that cost-efficient, environmentally sound mechanisms for clean-up and redevelopment of sites are utilized.

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The Environmental Code Enforcement Division has implemented methods to enforce the City's Ordinances that have a significant impact on the quality of life of our citizens and the cleanliness of our downtown and neighborhoods. The ordinances include the Solid Waste and Illegal Dumping Ordinance, the Zoning Ordinance and the Property Maintenance Code. The Department has made compliance with Solid Waste laws, rules and regulations a priority among its activities and responsibilities. The Department plans to implement Geographical Information Systems (GIS) and Global Positioning Systems (GPS) for inspectors to save time, address more sites and reduce equipment maintenance costs.

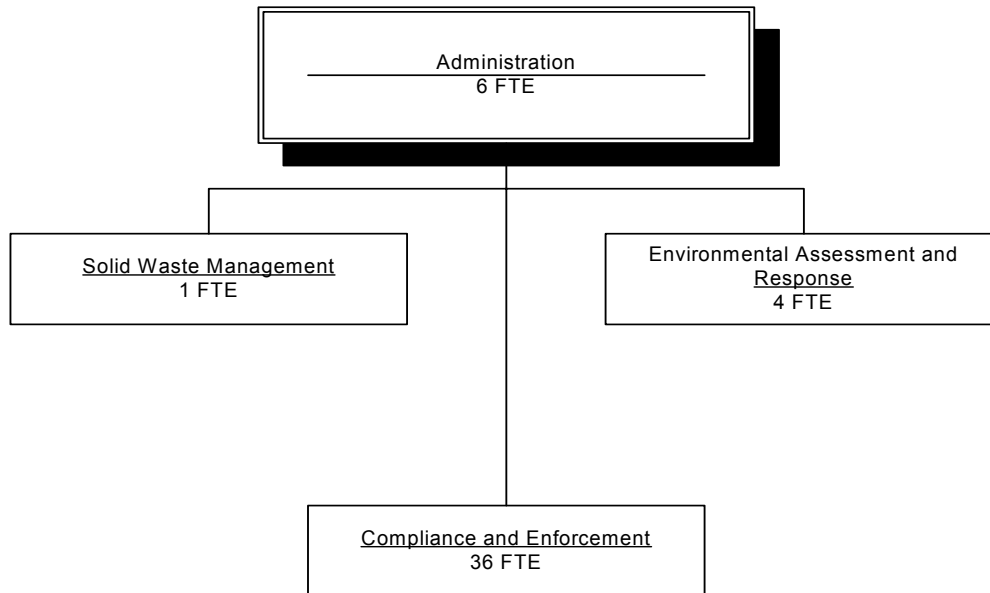
PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE FOR FY 2006-07, FY 2007-08 and BEYOND

To maximize the use of resources assigned to code enforcement, the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA), the Department of Health and Wellness Promotion (DHWP), and the Department of Public Works (DPW) will reorganize to coordinate enforcement activities. This reorganization will: 1) increase the number of environmental control inspectors in the field at any one time; 2) provide greater coverage of each cluster area; 3) decrease the amount of time required for processing a complaint from receipt to investigation through the issuance of a violation notice;

and 4) provide resources to enforce against non-compliant commercial establishments. With this change, DEA will be authorized to enforce the Property Maintenance Code, Chapter 9 of the City Code, writing violations such as High Weeds and Grass, Snow and Ice Removal, Inoperable Vehicles, and Rat Harborage. As a result of the change in the bulk trash collection policy by DPW, DEA plans to continue to assist DPW by providing community outreach and training activities to familiarize residents of ordinance requirements on the storage, handling and transport of solid waste.

DEA is also enhancing its Solid Waste Monitoring Program. The City will monitor and inspect solid waste facilities within its limits to assure that they are in compliance with the law or that they will achieve compliance. DEA will work with the Wayne County Department of Environment and the MDEQ Waste Management Division to assure that all solid waste facilities in the City of Detroit are properly licensed, managed and are part of the Wayne County Solid Waste Management Plan. DEA has already begun this initiative through the development of a Host Community Agreement that will govern the allowable operations of such facilities and will include stipulated penalties for violation of the Agreement.

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PERFORMANCE GOALS, MEASURES AND TARGETS

Type of Performance Measure:	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
List of Measures	Actual	Projection	Target
Outputs: Units of Activity directed toward Goals			
Percentage of City departments targeted	50%	30%	30%
Number of sites addressed	150	150	150
Number of liaison activities with state regulators	100	50	50
Number of liaison activities with federal regulators	50	25	25
Number of grant awards	3	6	6
Percent of compliance of violators	30%	30%	60%
Number of households contacted – environmental	12,000	12,000	50,000
Number of non-complying properties issued violation tickets	7,000	7,500	20,000

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EXPENDITURES

	2004-05 Actual Expense	2005-06 Redbook	2006-07 Mayor's Budget Rec	Variance	Variance Percent
Salary & Wages	\$ 1,126,061	\$ 923,860	\$ 1,845,614	\$ 921,754	100%
Employee Benefits	739,959	571,416	1,358,535	787,119	138%
Prof/Contractual	127,789	182,811	276,811	94,000	51%
Operating Supplies	16,951	24,756	112,276	87,520	354%
Operating Services	254,044	248,883	272,202	23,319	9%
Capital Equipment	10,570	-	13,000	13,000	0%
Other Expenses	54,659	-	3,584	3,584	0%
TOTAL	\$ 2,330,033	\$ 1,951,726	\$ 3,882,022	\$ 1,930,296	99%
POSITIONS	23	22	47	25	114%

REVENUES

	2004-05 Actual Revenue	2005-06 Redbook	2006-07 Mayor's Budget Rec	Variance	Variance Percent
Fines/Forfeits/Pen	\$ 211,937	\$ 3,135,135	\$ 4,166,400	\$ 1,031,265	33%
Grants/Shared	8,865		-	-	0%
Sales and Charges	-	150,000	68,000	(82,000)	-55%
TOTAL	\$ 220,802	\$ 3,285,135	\$ 4,234,400	\$ 949,265	29%